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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL OF NATIONAL COUNCIL ON US- CHINA TRADE
MEETS WITH CCPIT

SUMMARY: VICE CHAIRMAN OF CCPIT LI CHUAN DISPLAYED
FRIENDLY BUT CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE TOWARD NATIONAL COUNCIL AT
JUNE 11 MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER BLUMENTHAL.
LI SAID THAT CONTACTS BETWEEN NATIONAL COUNCIL AND CCPIT
SHOULD INITIALLY BE THROUGH LIAISON OFFICES.

1. MICHAEL BLUMENTHAL, PRESIDENT OF BENDIX CORP., WHO
VISITING PEKING AS HEAD OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON US- CHINA
RELATIONS DELEGATION, AND WHO IS ALSO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MEMBER OF NATIONAL COUNCIL ON US- CHINA TRADE, MET WITH
LI CHUAN, VICECHAIRMAN OF CHINA COUNCIL FOR PROMOTION
OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE (CCPIT), ON JUNE 11. ACCORDING
TO BLUMENTHAL AND NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBER MICHAEL
OKSENBERG WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, LI TOOK FRIENDLY BUT
CAUTIOUS ATTITUDE RESPECTING RECENTLY ESTABLISHED
NATIONAL COUNCIL.

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2. OKSENBERG PROVIDED FOLLOWING DETAILS: LI INDICATED THAT PRC WISHED MAINTAIN VARIOUS CHANNELS TO US BUSINESS COMMUNITY AND SPECIFICALLY SHOWED INTEREST IN POSSIBLE CONTACTS WITH LOCAL US CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE. HE CITED CCPIT RELATIONS WITH SINO- BRITISH TRADECOUNCIL AND LONDON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AS EXAMPLES, AND SAID CCPIT MAINTAINS " MANY CHANNELS OF CONTACT" WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

3. WHEN ASKED ABOUT DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AND CCPIT, LI SAID THAT SINCE BOTH COUNCILS ARE APPROVED BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS THEIR INITIAL CONTACTS SHOULD BE THROUGH THEIR LIAISON OFFICES, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH PRCLC IN WASHINGTON AND CCPIT WITH USLO PEKING. LI SAID THIS WOULD " SUIT THE SITUATION FOR THE MOMENT ," NOTING THAT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL IS NEW AND EXPRESSING VIEW THAT " ADDITIONAL CHANNELS" WOULD DEVELOP OVER TIME. HE ALSO SAID THAT PRCLC WASHINGTON WOULD FURNISH REPLY TO NATIONAL COUNCIL' S MAY 31 LETTER PROPOSING MEETING BETWEEN NATIONAL COUNCIL AND CCPIT LEADERSHIP.

4. ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE PRC TRADE EXHIBITIONS IN US, LI RESPONDED IN GENERAL TERMS TO EFFECT THAT EXHIBITIONS ARE GOOD AND CCPIT HOLDS SEVERAL DOZEN ABROAD EACH YEAR. AS FOR POSSIBLE EXHIBITION IN US, LI REITERATED NEED FOR DISCUSSION THROUGH LIAISON OFFICES AND SAID LONG PERIOD OF TIME MIGHT BE REQUIRED. REGARDING US EXHIBITION IN PRC, LI SAID MUTUAL STAGING OF EXHIBITIONS IS GOOD, BUT THIS SHOULD BE LEFT FOR LATER DISCUSSION.

5. ASKED ABOUT OBSTACLES TO EXPANSION OF US- CHINA TRADE, LI POINTED TO LACK OF MFN TREATMENT. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION ABOUT RESTRAINTS OR CONTROLS VARIOUS COUNTRIES HAVE ON IMPORTS OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES, LI SAID PEKING UNDERSTANDS VERY WELL THE NEED SOME COUNTRIES HAVE FOR PROTECTING DOMESTIC INDUSTRY. THE MAIN THING, HE INDICATED, IS THAT PEKING BE TREATED FAIRLY IN THIS REGARD.
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